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SUBJECT: SOMOZA CRITICIZES CUBA

1. IN SPEECH TO NATIONAL GUARD ENLISTED MEN GIVEN JANUARY 9, (BUT WHOSE BROADCAST DELAYED UNTIL JANUARY 13 UNDER CENSORSHIP DECISION), PRESIDENT SOMOZA BLASTED CUBA FOR ITS ASSOCIATION WITH FSLN (SANDINISTA NATIONAL LIBERATION FRONT). SOMOZA CHARGED CUBA AS AN ACCOMPLICE IN THE DEC 27-30 TERRORIST ACT BY REFUSING TO REVEAL THE IDENTITY OF THE PERPETRATORS. HE WARNED CUBA THAT NICARAGUA HAD AN ARMY WILLING TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND TO COMBAT ALL THREATS TO NICARAGUA'S TRADITIONAL WAY OF LIFE.

2. SOMOZA CLAIMED THAT NICARAGUA HAD RISEN TO "FIFTH IN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN LATIN AMERICA AFTER HAVING BEEN LAST ON THE LIST." AND THAT THIS HAD BEEN ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH NICARAGUA'S OWN EFFORTS WITHOUT THE AID OF AN "EXTRA-CONTINENTAL POWER" AS IN THE CUBAN CASE. HE FORESAW A BRILLIANT FUTURE OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT FOR NICARAGUA BASED UPON LIBERTY. REMINDING THAT NICARAGUA DEVOTES A RELATIVELY SMALL PERCENTAGE OF ITS BUDGET TO THE MILITARY, SOMOZA SAID THAT THE HAPPINESS OF THE MASSES WAS THE BEST GUARANTEE OF THE NATION'S SECURITY.

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